# Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Monthly Newsletter for the Durham Community January 2015

#### North Carolina Gun Law: Reporting a Missing or Stolen Firearm

Though North Carolina law does not require gun owners or dealers to report missing or stolen firearms, it is strongly recommended that they do so. Contact your nearest law enforcement office immediately if your firearm is lost or stolen.

Pocket-size cards detailing many North Carolina firearm statutes are available to the public by Project Safe Neighborhoods. Please call 560-4438 x29230 to request cards for your community or organization.

#### **PSN Partner Spotlight: 2014 DPD Faith Partners**

Many thanks to the spiritual leaders who served as partner pastors with the Durham Police Department during 2014. Project Safe Neighborhoods enjoyed hosting events for you and DPD commanders, and getting to know your congregations at Covered Dish Conversations. Our 2014 FaithActs partners were:

Union Baptist Church

Durham Emergency Chaplains

Christian Assembly Church

Angier Avenue Baptist Church

Bull City Outreach Ministries

Mount Bethel Christian Center

Fisher Memorial Church Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

The River Church Triangle Pointe Fellowship Church

Life International Church White Rock Baptist Church

North East Baptist Church Refiner's Fire Community Church

**ONE SIMPLE THING YOU CAN DO to Prevent Gun Crime in Your Community**: *Report Graffitti* Call the Impact Team at 560-1200 when you see graffiti that should be removed. Familiarize yourself with North Carolina Gun Laws. It is illegal to discharge a firearm within the city limits.

### Pointers for Parents: Warning Signs that Your Child May Be Involved with a Gang

- Admits to "hanging out" with kids in gangs
- Shows an unusual interest in one or two particular colors of clothing or a particular logo
- Has an unusual interest in gangster-influenced music, videos, movies, or websites
- Uses unusual hand signals to communicate with friends
- Has specific drawings or gang symbols on school books, clothes, walls, or tattoos
- Comes home with unexplained physical injuries (fighting related bruises, injuries to hands, knuckles)
- Has unexplained cash or goods (like clothing, jewelry)
- Carries a weapon
- Has been in trouble with the police

- Exhibits negative changes in behavior such as:
  - Withdrawing from family
  - Declining school performance, behavior, attendance
  - Staying out late at night without reason
  - Displaying an unusual desire for secrecy
  - Exhibiting signs of drug use
  - Breaking rules consistently
  - Speaking in gang-style slang

## **PSN** in Your Neighborhood

January 8: Durham Public Schools